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RETIRED JEFFERSON COUNTY FAMILY COURT JUDGE STEPHEN M. GEORGE RECEIVES THE 2016 CHIEF JUSTICE'S SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Retired Jefferson County Family Court Judge Stephen M. George was presented the Chief Justice's Special Service Award at the annual banquet on Thursday, May 12, during the Kentucky Bar Association's annual convention. Chief Justice John D. Minton, Jr., presented the award.

Judge George was presented the award in recognition of extraordinary dedication to the families of Kentucky during 15 years as a Jefferson County Family Court Judge; and in recognition of distinguished service to the Kentucky Court of Justice as president of the Circuit Judges Association and as a leader on topics relating to family law, access to justice, and court technology.

Judge George received his B.A. from the University of Louisville ('74) and his J.D. from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law ('76). He was in private practice from 1977-2000, concentrating in family law. He attained an AV rating in Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating awarded for expertise and ethics.

Judge George presided in Jefferson Circuit Court, Family Division Nine from October 2000 through December 2015. He was Chief Judge of Jefferson Circuit Court, Family Divisions from January 2004 through December 2007, and from January 2011 through December 2013. He was president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association for 2014-2015. He was always the highest rated Family Court Judge by the attorneys participating in the Louisville Bar Association Judges Evaluation. He has frequently presented to Judges, domestic relations commissioners and attorneys on Family Law topics.

Judge George was selected as the Judge of the Year by the Louisville Bar Association for 2004 and the Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Attorneys for 2007. He was recognized in 2007 as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Brandeis School of Law. Professional associations include the Kentucky and Louisville Bar associations, and the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

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